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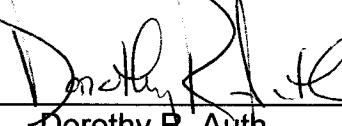
The specification is hereby amended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312 after allowance to address the formal matter of identifying the priority claim to the nonprovisional United States Patent Application Number 09/516,753 in the specification. Pursuant to MPEP 714.16, the Examiner may enter a “mere correction of formal matters in the specification” that does not “change the scope of the claims” without forwarding the amendment to the supervisory patent examiner for approval. The present amendment to the specification contains no new matter and does not change the scope of the allowed claims.

The amendment to the specification clerically perfects the already recognized claim to priority, as evidenced by the originally-filed Utility Application and Fee Transmittal form dated July 14, 2003, and the USPTO’s acknowledgement of this claimed Domestic Priority Data in the Official Filing Receipt issued on October 16, 2003 (attached).

Pursuant to MPEP 201.11, this amendment to the specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.78(a)(2)(i) and (a)(2)(iii) to confirm a domestic priority claim may be entered without filing a petition and surcharge under 37 CFR 1.17(t).

In the event any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-4387, Order No. 92077.003.

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